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**WHITE PLAINS ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE CELEBRATES
THE IRISH**

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., March 2, 2015. Saturday, March 14th marks the 18th annual White Plains St. Patrick’s Day Parade. The parade will begin promptly at 12 noon.

Mary Beth Walsh, MD, representing Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and their 100 years of service to White Plains and beyond, has been named Grand Marshal and will lead the parade along with her Aides. The Aides include: Joseph Collins, Sheila Cooney, Liz Hyland, Larry Meegan, Megan McDowell Rathsack, and Kevin Scully. The parade’s aides are residents of White Plains and can trace their roots back to Ireland (in one case back to the eighteenth century). They proudly support their Irish heritage by participating in the Emerald or Hibernian Societies and encourage their children’s heritage with participation as Irish step dancers.

A third generation Irish American, Mary Beth Walsh, M.D., is the executive medical director and CEO of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains. She has held this position since 1995, making her the first female CEO of a hospital in Westchester County and one of the only female hospital CEOs in New York State. Dr. Walsh is also an associate dean and associate professor of clinical medicine at Burke’s academic affiliate, Weill Cornell Medical College, and an assistant attending physician at the Hospital for Special Surgery, both in New York City.

Dr. Walsh is currently a member of the American Hospital Association’s (AHA) Committee for Process Improvement and treasurer of the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association’s Executive Committee. She serves on the board of directors of the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMRPA) and actively engages in health care discussions, regularly advocating in Washington D.C. for improved health care regulations.

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Dr. Walsh is a fellow of the American College of Rheumatology and the American College of Physicians. She has authored several medical journal articles and has received honors for her work including the Hudson Valley Branch Arthritis Foundation Founders' Award, the Women's Healthcare Network Founder's Award, and the AMRPA's INDE Award, which honors those that have had a direct and positive impact on the medical rehabilitation field. In 2013 she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

The installation of the Grand Marshal and Aides will be on Wednesday, March 5, 2015 at Vintage Bar & Restaurant, 171 Main Street in White Plains. Refreshments will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The Installation Ceremony will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with introduction of the Grand Marshal and Aides, Invocation, and National Anthems. Entertainment is also planned. A \$20 per person donation is requested at the door.

John Martin has been chairman of the White Plains St. Patrick's Parade Committee for 18 years. He may be contacted at 914-686-0239. Visit the White Plains St. Patrick's Day web site for further information at <http://www.whiteplainssaintpatricksdays.com>.

On March 14th a special St. Patrick's Day Celebration Mass will take place at 9:00 am in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 920 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains. The Parade will follow, beginning on Mamaroneck Avenue and proceed to City Hall, on Main Street.

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Mary Beth Walsh, MD
2015 White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade
Grand Marshall